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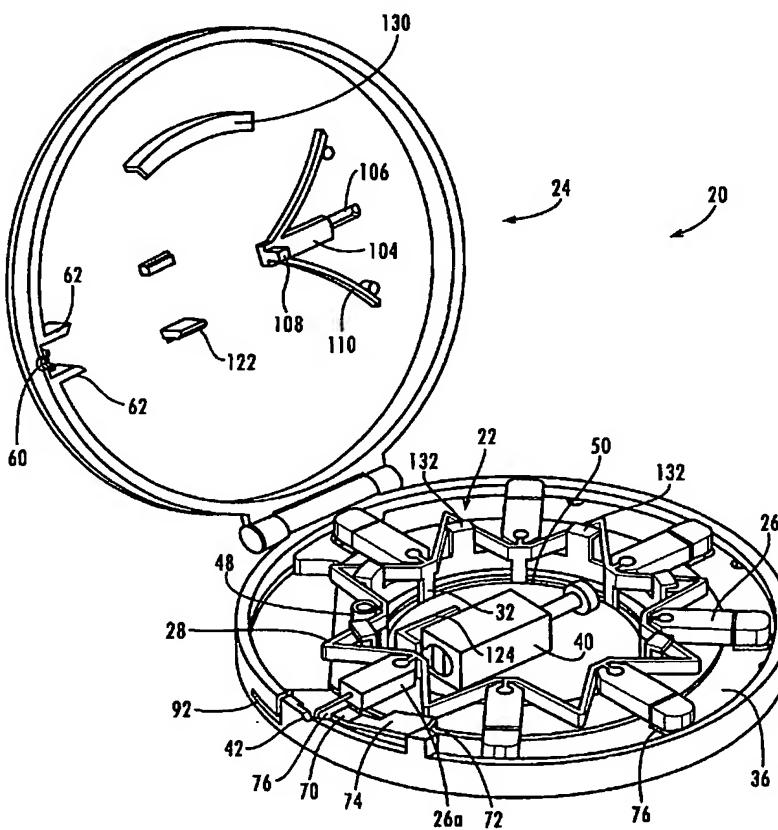
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(54) Title: BLOOD SAMPLING DEVICE



(57) Abstract: A sampling device having a housing with a lancet cartridge mounted therein. The lancets of the lancet cartridge are interconnected by a flexible web. The lancet cartridge is not positively engaged within the housing and can be easily removed. The housing has an opening with an adjacent flexible or compressible fin for dampening the motion of the lancet. The lancet cartridge has at least one lancet with an endcap, and the housing has a cap-removal mechanism for separating the endcap from the housing. Anti-tampering features prevent opening of the device when the lancet cartridge is oriented with a lancet in a firing position.

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